

8. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rust-preventive additive causes said coolant for fuel cells to have a hydrogen ion exponent of about 6 to 9.

92 9. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rust-preventive additive causes said coolant for fuel cells to have a low electric conductivity of less than about 100 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

10. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rust-preventive additive especially has rust-preventive performance against aluminum material.

13. (Amended) A coolant in accordance with claim 11, said coolant is decontaminated by a coolant decontamination system using either one of an ion exchange resin and a chelating resin.

14. (Amended) A coolant in accordance with claim 1, said coolant has undergone deoxidization.

93 15. (Amended) A method of enclosing a coolant in accordance with claim 1 in a cooling circuit for a stack of fuel cells, said method comprising the steps of: deoxidizing said coolant; and enclosing said deoxidized coolant with an inert gas in said cooling circuit.

16. (Amended) A cooling system for a stack of fuel cells, said cooling system comprising: a coolant in accordance with claim 1; and a cooling circuit in which said coolant and an inert gas are enclosed.
